

REMARKS

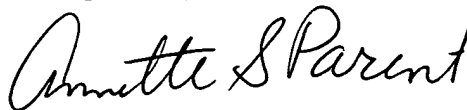
Status of the claims

In the preliminary amendment filed on November 3, 2000, new claims 89-117 were added, which correspond to originally filed claims 31-60. Claims 1-88 were canceled without prejudice to subsequent revival. Therefore, claims 89-117 are currently pending in the present application.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' supplemental amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415)576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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